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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-6 (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) A substance encapsulation system comprising:
- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about 3; and
 - (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer being non-thermoplastic and containing a substance to be exposed.
- 8-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a nonwoven.
11. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a polymeric film.
12. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said first and second prebonded webs are identical.
13. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein no adhesives are used to join said first and second prebonded webs.
- 14-24. (Cancelled)

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25. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches.

26. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.1 inches.

27. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 25, wherein the bond sites have a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

28. (Previously Presented) The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the central layer is continuously disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs.

29. (Previously Presented) A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of regularly repeating bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having a length of less than about 0.2 inches, a width of less than about 0.02 inches, and an aspect ratio of greater than 3, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer being non-thermoplastic and containing a powdered, granular, particulate, or gel substance; and
- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.